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Excerpt of pertinent information:

1. On 25 May, Constantin Visoianu, former Rumanian Foreign Minister, lunched with the Rumanian Royal Family and thereafter conferred with King Mihai for three hours. Mihai expressed a most unfavorable opinion of General Nicolae Radescu, President of the Rumanian National Committee. It is the opinion of the King that General Radescu's letters and the intrigues of his friends in Paris have succeeded not only in destroying all his prestige but all confidence in him. King Mihai informed Visoianu that during his conversations with General Radescu in autumn 1949, in view of the evident confusion in the General's mind and in view of Radescu's misuse of the King's name when he formed the "Democratic Union of Free Rumanians," he (Mihai) had three times gone over with Radescu all the decisions that had been arrived at in their conversations, only to see that later General Radescu gave his own, totally different version of these conferences.

2. Mihai is convinced that all of the difficulties of the Rumanian National Committee are the fault of General Radescu and that his incapacity and lack of good faith will prevent the National Committee from functioning. King Mihai is not inclined to be lenient with Radescu and desires a "radical solution" of the problem. When Visoianu expressed the opinion that Radescu should be granted sick leave or be appointed Honorary President of the National Committee the King remarked that these proposals were not solutions and the nefarious activities of Radescu would continue. Mihai believes that Radescu would undertake some action in the event of his dismissal, but the King does not fear any such action and believes that none of the members of the National Committee would follow Radescu. He further believes that if some

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members of the Committee did resign, the Committee could function with seven or even six members; the vacancies would be filled at a later date.

3. In view of the conversations that he had had in Washington prior to his departure Visoianu maintained that it was preferable to appoint Radescu Honorary President. A more radical solution, he declared, should be considered only in the event that Radescu refused to accept this formula. . .

5. Visoianu advised the King to wait for some time longer before making a decision relative to General Radescu. The King insisted that Visoianu accept the presidency of the National Committee, and when Visoianu expressed his reluctance to take the post reproached him for laziness. . .

9. On 26 May, Visoianu had tea with the Royal Family and thereafter had a two hour conversation with Mihai. The King again insisted on a "radical solution" since he is convinced that General Radescu will continue to sabotage the Rumanian National Committee. Visoianu advised the King that, although this would appear to be the logical and practical solution, it would be better to appoint Radescu as Honorary President so as to give a new proof of Royal leniency and to follow the line of the conversations in Washington. Visoianu does not wish to give the impression that he visited the King in Florence to solicit appointment as President of the Rumanian National Committee.

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